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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :  
DETERMINING CONSUMABLE  
LIFETIME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.